

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Ruby McGuill

Communion Music: # 424

*"We Come as Guests Invited"*

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

*CHORAL INTROIT*

*"Bless the Lord"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I waited patiently for the Lord to hear me.

**All: And He faithfully listened to my cry for help.**

One: God lifted me out of the pit and set my feet on solid ground.

**All: Now my steps are sure, and my heart is full of hope.**

One: He gave me a new song to sing, one of praise and hope.

**All: And now I sing God's praises with grateful worship.**

HYMN, # 314

*"O For a Heart to Praise My God"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our need for Your grace to cleanse us of our sins. You know how we have strayed from Your ways, how we have wasted Your blessings, and how we have misused Your grace. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for the ways we have dishonored Your holy name. Forgive us we pray, and empower us to live in Your light. In the name of Christ our Savior. Amen**

SILENT PRAYERS / WORDS OF PARDON

BLESS YOUR NEIGHBORS The close of this time is signaled by singing the Gloria Patri.

*GLORIA PATRI*, #33

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 36: 22 - 28

Bill Fisher

HYMN, # 613

*"Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"*

MESSAGE

A New Heart

Pastor Andy

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

*OFFERTORY*

*"Immortal, Invisible God"*

arr. By Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Those wishing to join, please come forward during next hymn

*CLOSING HYMN*, # 89

*"Love Lifted Me"*

BENEDICTION

*SENDING OUT*, # 688

*"God Be with You till We Meet Again"*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR RAIL:** special donations left on the communion rail or the Narthex giving box supports our Homer Thomas UM Army Scholarship Fund, providing scholarships for mission trip tuition.

**SUNDAY MORNINGS:** refreshments served before 10:15am Disciple Hour. In the fellowship hall.

**AMEN LENT MEAL DEAL:** in the food drive basket in the narthex are 2 gallon zip-lock bags containing a recipe and list of ingredients to complete a meal deal package for recipients at AMEN.

**CHICKEN SALAD PREP:** the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings make the chicken salad for the Methodist Men at Blue Hills.

**METHODIST MEN:** meet this coming Thurs. 3/19, with dinner at 6:30pm. Nancy Hajek presents the program. The M.M. are selling BBQ at Blue Hills during the spring Antique Sale. Raised funds support local and international ministries and programs. Thank you for your support!

**ARCHERY FUN DAY:** Saturday, March 21, 10am to 11:30am. This is open to the children & youth of our community to come try archery in a safe and controlled environment. Participants need to RSVP through our website or by contacting the church office.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY:** Palm Sunday, March 29, is our next fellowship Sunday beginning with a breakfast at 8:30am, followed by a combined worship service at 10:00am. Mark Your Calendars.

**TUESDAY NITE LIVE:** starts at 5:30pm with dinner. This spring we are watching the 2<sup>nd</sup> season of the "House of David" series followed by a Bible study discussion.

**PRAYER TEAM:** meets on Wednesdays at 1pm for prayer in the Conference Room. Open to all.

**WEBSITE INFO:** look under Media to find our Church Videos where you can watch past worship services, funeral services, and our growing archive videos from years past. Under 'Sermons' you can watch just the sermons.

**UM ARMY:** the UM Army Youth Mission trip this summer is in Boerne, TX, July 12 - 18. If you are a youth member or adult volunteer who would like to attend, please contact Jay Watson at 979-249-6201 or email jwatson316@gmail.com or call the church office.

**CHURCH BOARD:** meets tomorrow at 5:30pm in Room #5. Open to all.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** order forms to remember a loved one are available in the narthex. Cost \$12.

**As Disciples of Jesus Christ...We Pray For:**

- \*For our Military & their families
- \*For the war in Iran
- \*Nursing Home & Homebound members
- \*Twila Thurman (diagnosed with cancer)
- \*Linda Hartson (hospice care)
- \*Marie Allen (healing mercies)
- \*Gary Martyr (healing mercies)
- \*Ed Murphy (healing from stroke)
- \*Bill Wegmann (healing from broken ankle)
- \*Denice Fisher (heart tests)
- \*Donna Pyle (healing from hand surgery)
- \*Barbara & Frank Walla (healing mercies)
- \*Dustin Machinsky (healing from a tumor)
- \*Stephanie Bunch (healing from a brain tumor)
- \*Brenda & Ron Holcomb (healing mercies)
- \*Jack Anderson (breathing difficulties)

- \*Michael Ballard (cancer treatments)
- \*Randall Slinkard (healing from stroke)
- \*Mark Gillentine (fighting cancer)
- \*Sheila Traybig (Stage 4 colon cancer)
- \*Brea Laudano (recovering from back surgery)
- \*Merry Douberly (healing mercies)
- \*Ron Boggess (Sarah Janisch's dad, bone cancer)
- \*Adam Lively (Maxine Ballard's son-in-law, healing mercies)
- \*Cece Bryant (praise that she is out of NICU and home)
- \*Paula Eppers (healing from broken hip)

**Birthdays**

- \*Rob Emmons (3.15)

**Anniversaries**

- \*Heath & Jennifer Golan (3.15)
- \*Jay & Vicki Watson (3.16)
- \*Joseph & Kari Willrich (3.19)
- \*E. J. & Beverly Gray (3.21)
- \*Jim & Cindy Coleman (3.21)

**For Our Extended Family:**

- \*Ledger Robertson (brain tumor is no longer evident)
- \*Cathy Gillentine (struggling with COPD)

**JOINING THE CHURCH...**

We treasure the opportunity to be your church and invite you to consider joining through one of the ways listed below. Questions? Talk with Pastor Andy: andy@newlifelg.org Cell: 830-203-0881

\_\_\_\_\_ by **Transferring** your membership from your current church.

\_\_\_\_\_ by **Profession of Faith:** declare your belief in Jesus Christ and commitment to His church.

*A second baptism is **NOT** necessary, but if you have never been baptized, please contact Pastor Andy to make arrangements.*

\_\_\_\_\_ by **Restoration:** for former members of this congregation who wish to renew their commitment to commitment to Christ's Church.

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN CHRIST'S CHURCH TODAY**

(Come Forward during the final song and give this information to the Pastor)

NAME (S):

\_\_\_\_\_

Former Church: \_\_\_\_\_

**You will be asked to faithfully respond to these questions:**

1. Do you confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord?
2. Will you be loyal to Christ's church and strengthen its ministries by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, & witness?

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## Celebration of Worship

March 15, 2026

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Nursery available throughout Sunday morning.  
Childcare provided by Noreen Dopslauf & Martha Galindo